

EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT CLERK
CASE SUMMARY
CASE No. 16-1368

LARRY LUERA AND LINDA LUERA VS. WRIGHT
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY AND
TEXAS FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY

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Location: 428th District Court
Judicial Officer: Henry, William R
Filed on: 07/08/2016

CASE INFORMATION

Case Type: Other Contract

Case Status: 07/08/2016 Filed

PARTY INFORMATION

Plaintiff	Linda, Luera	Attorneys Michaels, Kevin R. <i>Retained</i> 281-496-9889(W)
	Luera, Larry	Michaels, Kevin R. <i>Retained</i> 281-496-9889(W)
Defendant	Texas Farmers Insurance Company Wright National Flood Insurance Company	

DATE

EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT

09/14/2016

DISPOSITIONS

Partial Dismissal/Non-Suit

OTHER EVENTS AND HEARINGS

07/08/2016

 Court's Docket Sheet

07/08/2016


 Plaintiffs Original Petition (Open Case)

07/12/2016

Citation

Wright National Flood Insurance Company
Unserved

08/09/2016

 Request for Issuance of Process
of Citation

08/10/2016


Citation

Wright National Flood Insurance Company
Unserved

08/22/2016

 Amended Petition
Plaintiffs' First Amended Original Petition and Request for Issuance of Citation

08/23/2016

 Motion To Dismiss
with Prejudice and Proposed Order

08/23/2016

 Amended Motion
for Partial Dismissal with Prejudice and Proposed Order

08/25/2016

Citation

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*Wright National Flood Insurance Company***DATE****FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Plaintiff** Lucra, Larry

Total Charges

348.50

Total Payments and Credits

348.50

Balance Due as of 10/7/2016

0.00

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

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Petition, and in connection therewith would respectfully show the Court as follows:

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domestic insurance company, admitted to do business in the State of Texas and participating in
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(hereinafter referred to as "SFIP") in its own name, as a fiscal agent of the United States, to the
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the adjustment, settlement, payment and defense of all claims arising under the policy. Defendant
can be served by serving its Attorney for Service, CT Corporation System at 1999 Bryan Street,

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Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

4. The Court has jurisdiction over Defendant in that Defendant engages in the business of insurance in the State of Texas and because the property in question is also located in Hays County, Texas. The Court has jurisdiction over the controversy because the damages are within the jurisdictional limits of the Court. As required by Rule 47(c), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs state that they seek monetary relief, the maximum of which is over \$200,000.00 but not more than \$1,000,000.00. The amount of monetary relief actually awarded, however, will ultimately be determined by a jury. Plaintiffs also seek pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate.

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7. As detailed herein, Defendant wrongfully denied Plaintiffs’ claim for repairs of the Property, even though the Policy provided coverage for losses such as those suffered by Plaintiffs.

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Furthermore, Defendant underpaid some of Plaintiffs' claims by not providing full coverage for the damages sustained by the Plaintiffs as well as under scoping the damages during their investigation. Additionally, Defendant continues to delay in the payment of the damages to the Property. As such, Plaintiffs have not been paid in full for the damages to its Property.

8. Defendant has failed to perform their contractual duties to adequately compensate Plaintiffs under the terms of the Policy. Specifically, it has refused to pay the full proceeds of the Policy although due demand was made for proceeds to be paid in an amount sufficient to cover the damaged property and all conditions precedent to recovery upon the Policy had been carried out and accomplished by Plaintiffs. Defendant's conduct constitutes a breach of the insurance contract between Defendant and Plaintiffs.

9. Defendant misrepresented to Plaintiffs that the damage to the Property was not covered under the Policy, even though the damage was caused by a covered occurrence. Defendant's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(1).

10. Defendant has failed to make an attempt to settle Plaintiffs' claim in a fair manner, although they were aware of their liability to Plaintiffs under the Policy. Defendant's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(2)(A).

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claim. Defendant's conduct is a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(3).

12. Defendant has also failed to affirm or deny coverage of Plaintiffs' claim within a reasonable time. Specifically, Plaintiffs did not receive timely indication of acceptance or rejection, regarding the full and entire claim, in writing from Defendant. Defendant's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(4).

13. Defendant has refused to fully compensate Plaintiffs, under the terms of the Policy, even though Defendant failed to conduct a reasonable investigation. Specifically, Defendant performed an outcome-oriented investigation of Plaintiffs' claim, which resulted in a biased, unfair and inequitable evaluation of Plaintiffs' losses on the Property. Defendant's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(7).

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17. From and after the time Plaintiffs' claim was presented to Defendant, Defendant's liability to pay the full claim in accordance with the terms of the Policy was reasonably clear. However, Defendant has refused to pay Plaintiffs in full, despite there being no basis whatsoever on which a reasonable insurance company would have relied on to deny the full payment. Defendant's conduct constitutes a breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing.

18. Defendant knowingly or recklessly made false representations, as described above, as to material facts and/or knowingly concealed all or part of material information from Plaintiffs. As a result of Defendant's wrongful acts and omissions, Plaintiffs were forced to retain the professional services of the attorney and law firm who is representing them with respect to these causes of action.

19. Defendant is liable to Plaintiffs for common law fraud. Each and every one of these representations, as described above, concerned material facts for the reason Plaintiffs would not have acted and which Defendant knew were false or made recklessly without any knowledge of their truth as a positive assertion. The statements were made with the intention that they should be acted upon by Plaintiffs, who in turn acted in reliance upon the statements, there causing Plaintiffs to suffer injury and constituting common fraud.

20. Defendant is liable to Plaintiffs for intentional breach of contract, as well intentional violations of the Texas Insurance Code.

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CAUSES OF ACTION

BREACH OF CONTRACT

21. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 20 above.

22. Defendant's conduct constitutes a breach of the insurance contract made between Defendant and Plaintiffs. Defendant's failure and refusal, as described above, to pay the adequate compensation as it is obligated to do under the terms of the Policy in question and under the laws of the State of Texas, constitute a breach of Defendant's insurance contract with Plaintiffs.

**NONCOMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS INSURANCE CODE:
UNFAIR SETTLEMENT PRACTICE AND
THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

23. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 22 above.

24. Defendant's conduct constitutes multiple violations of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(A). All violations under this article are made actionable by Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.151. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of misrepresenting to Plaintiffs material facts relating to the coverage at issue, constitutes an unfair method of completion and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(1).

25. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of the claim, even though Defendant's liability under the Policy was reasonably clear, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(2)(A).

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26. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing to promptly provide Plaintiffs with a reasonable explanation of the basis in the Policy, in relation to the facts or applicable law, for its offer of a compromise settlement of the claim, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(3).

27. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing within a reasonable time to affirm or deny coverage of the claim to Plaintiffs or to submit a reservation of rights to Plaintiffs, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive at or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(4).

28. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of refusing to pay Plaintiffs' claim without conducting a reasonable investigation, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(7).

29. Defendant's conduct constitutes multiple violations of the Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims. All violations made under this article are made actionable by Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.060.

30. Defendant's failure to acknowledge receipt of Plaintiffs' claim, commence investigation of the claim, and request from Plaintiffs all items, statements, and forms that it reasonably believed would be required within the applicable time constraints, as described above, constitutes a non-prompt payment of claims and a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.055.

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31. Defendant's failure to notify Plaintiffs in writing of its acceptance or rejection of the claim within the applicable time constraints constitutes a non-prompt payment of the claim. Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.056.

32. Defendant's delay of the payment of Plaintiffs' claim following its receipt of all items, statements, and forms reasonably requested and required, longer than the amount of time provided for, as described above, constitutes a non-prompt payment of the claim. Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.057 and 542.058.

KNOWLEDGE

33. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 33 above.

34. Each of the acts described above, together and singularly, was done "knowingly" as that term is used in the Texas Insurance Code and were a producing cause of Plaintiffs' damages described herein.

BREACH OF THE DUTY OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

35. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 34 above.

36. Defendant's conduct constitutes a breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing owed to its insureds in insurance contracts.

37. Defendant's failure, as described above, to adequately and reasonably investigate and evaluate Plaintiffs' claim, although, at that time, Defendant knew or should have known by exercise of reasonable diligence that its liability was reasonably clear, constitutes a breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

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DAMAGES

38. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 37 above.

39. Plaintiffs would show that all of the aforementioned acts, taken together or singularly, constitute the producing causes of the damages sustained by Plaintiffs.

40. For breach of contract, Plaintiffs are entitled to regain the benefit of their bargain, which is the amount of their claim together with attorney's fees.

41. For noncompliance with the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices, Plaintiffs are entitled to actual damages, which include the loss of the benefits that should have been paid pursuant to the policy, court costs and attorney's fees. For knowing conduct of the acts complained of, Plaintiffs ask for three times her actual damages. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.152.

42. For noncompliance with Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims, Plaintiffs are entitled to the amount of their claim, as well as eighteen (18) percent interest per annum of the amount of such claim as damages, together with attorney's fees. Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.060.

43. For fraud, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover actual damages and exemplary damages for knowing fraudulent and malicious representations, along with interest and court costs.

44. For the prosecution and collection of this claim, Plaintiffs have been compelled to engage the services of the attorney whose name is subscribed to this pleading. Therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover a sum for the reasonable and necessary services of Plaintiffs' attorney in the preparation and trial of this action, including any appeals to the Court of Appeals and/or the Supreme Court of Texas.

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REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

45. Pursuant to Rule 194, you are requested to disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a)-(l).

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs pray that upon trial hereof, Plaintiffs recover such sums as would reasonably and justly compensate her in accordance with the rules of law and procedure, both as to actual damages, treble damages under the Texas Insurance Code and all punitive and exemplary damages as may be found. In addition, Plaintiffs request the award of attorney's fees for the trial and any appeal of this case, for all costs of Court in her behalf expended, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, and for any other and further relief, either at law or in equity, to which they may show themselves to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

**LAW OFFICES OF KEVIN R. MICHAELS,
P.C.**

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

I, BEVERLY CRUMLEY, District Clerk of Hays County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing consisting of 10 pages, is a true, correct and full copy of the instrument herewith set out as it appears of record in the District Clerk's Office of Hays County, Texas this 9th day of September, 20 16.
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CITATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. 16-1368

STYLED: LARRY LUERA AND LINDA LUERA VS. WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY

TO: WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY, BY SERVING ITS ATTORNEY FOR
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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

Attached is a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, which was filed by the PLAINTIFF, in the above styled and numbered cause on the 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2016, in the 428th District Court of Hays County, San Marcos, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at San Marcos, Texas on this the 10th day of August, 2016.

REQUESTED BY:
Kevin R. Michaels;
888 W Sam Houston Pkwy S. Suite 226
Houston TX 77042;
281-496-9889

BEVERLY CRUMLEY
Hays County District Clerk
Hays County Government Center
712 Stagecoach Trail, Ste. 221-F
San Marcos, Texas 78666

By: Mallory Rogers
Mallory Rogers, Deputy

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the ___ day of _____ 20___ at _____ o'clock ___M and executed the ___ day of
____ 20___ by delivering to defendant _____ in person, a true copy of this
citation with a copy of the petition attached thereto on ___ day of _____ 20___ at _____ o'clock
___M at _____ in _____ County, Texas.

[] Not executed. The diligence used in finding defendant being _____

[] Information received as to the whereabouts of defendant being _____

Service Fee: \$ _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
___ day of _____

SHERIFF/CONSTABLE/AUTHORIZED PERSON

BY: _____

Printed Name of Server

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County, Texas

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competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(a)(2)(A).

26. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing to promptly provide Plaintiffs with a reasonable explanation of the basis in the Policy, in relation to the facts or applicable law, for its offer of a compromise settlement of the claim, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(3).

27. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing within a reasonable time to affirm or deny coverage of the claim to Plaintiffs or to submit a reservation of rights to Plaintiffs, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(4).

28. Defendant's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of refusing to pay Plaintiffs' claim without conducting a reasonable investigation, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.060(7).

29. Defendant's conduct constitutes multiple violations of the Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims. All violations made under this article are made actionable by Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.060.

30. Defendant's failure to acknowledge receipt of Plaintiffs' claim, commence investigation of the claim, and request from Plaintiffs all items, statements, and forms that it reasonably believed would be required within the applicable time constraints, as described above, constitutes a non-prompt payment of claims and a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.055.

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31. Defendant's failure to notify Plaintiffs in writing of its acceptance or rejection of the claim within the applicable time constraints constitutes a non-prompt payment of the claim. Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.056.

32. Defendant's delay of the payment of Plaintiffs' claim following its receipt of all items, statements, and forms reasonably requested and required, longer than the amount of time provided for, as described above, constitutes a non-prompt payment of the claim. Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.057 and 542.058.

KNOWLEDGE

33. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 33 above.

34. Each of the acts described above, together and singularly, was done "knowingly" as that term is used in the Texas Insurance Code and were a producing cause of Plaintiffs' damages described herein.

BREACH OF THE DUTY OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

35. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 34 above.

36. Defendant's conduct constitutes a breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing owed to its insureds in insurance contracts.

37. Defendant's failure, as described above, to adequately and reasonably investigate and evaluate Plaintiffs' claim, although, at that time, Defendant knew or should have known by exercise of reasonable diligence that its liability was reasonably clear, constitutes a breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

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FRAUD

38. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 37 above.

39. Defendant made numerous representations to Plaintiffs concerning the Policy and what it covered in the event of a flood, such as that experienced by Plaintiffs on both occasions in question. These fraudulent representations continued throughout the two (2) claims processes. Defendant's representations were known by them to be false when made or made recklessly without knowledge of the truth and were made as positive assertions. In connection with the discussions between Plaintiff and Defendant, Defendant directly and indirectly made material misrepresentations to Plaintiff or failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiff concerning the benefits provided by the Policy.

40. Defendant intended that Plaintiffs rely to their detriment and injury upon the false statements and impressions of fact being made, and on the presumption that no material facts of the contrary existed. Plaintiffs relied to their detriment upon the false statements and impressions of fact purposely created by Defendant. As a result of Defendant's fraudulent statements, concealments and failure to disclose, Plaintiffs have been damaged in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this court.

41. Defendant's actions were intentional and made with knowing disregard for the rights of the Plaintiffs. Consequently, Plaintiffs pray for punitive damages in addition to compensatory damages.

DAMAGES

42. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the factual statements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 41 above.

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43. Plaintiffs would show that all of the aforementioned acts, taken together or singularly, constitute the producing causes of the damages sustained by Plaintiffs.

44. For breach of contract, Plaintiffs are entitled to regain the benefit of their bargain, which is the amount of their claim together with attorney's fees.

45. For noncompliance with the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices, Plaintiffs are entitled to actual damages, which include the loss of the benefits that should have been paid pursuant to the policy, court costs and attorney's fees. For knowing conduct of the acts complained of, Plaintiffs ask for three times her actual damages. Texas Insurance Code, Section 541.152.

46. For noncompliance with Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims, Plaintiffs are entitled to the amount of their claim, as well as eighteen (18) percent interest per annum of the amount of such claim as damages, together with attorney's fees. Texas Insurance Code, Section 542.060.

47. For fraud, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover actual damages and exemplary damages for knowing fraudulent and malicious representations, along with interest and court costs.

48. For the prosecution and collection of this claim, Plaintiffs have been compelled to engage the services of the attorney whose name is subscribed to this pleading. Therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover a sum for the reasonable and necessary services of Plaintiffs' attorney in the preparation and trial of this action, including any appeals to the Court of Appeals and/or the Supreme Court of Texas.

REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

49. Pursuant to Rule 194, you are requested to disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a)-(l).

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs pray that upon trial hercof, Plaintiffs recover such sums as would reasonably and justly compensate them in accordance with the rules of law and procedure, both as to actual damages, treble damages under the Texas Insurance Code and all punitive and exemplary damages as may be found. In addition, Plaintiffs request the award of attorney's fees for the trial and any appeal of this case, for all costs of Court in their behalf expended, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, and for any other and further relief, either at law or in equity, to which they may show themselves to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, BEVERLY CRUMLEY, District Clerk of Hays County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing consisting of 11 pages, is a true, correct and full copy of the instrument herewith set out as it appears of record in the District Clerk's Office of Hays County, Texas this 9th day of September, 2016.
Beverly Crumley, District Clerk

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**LARRY LUERA and
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VS.

**WRIGHT NATIONAL
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HAYS COUNTY, T E X A S

428th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

MOTION TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE

NOW COME **LARRY LUERA** and **LINDA LUERA**, Plaintiffs and file this Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice and in support of respectfully shows as follows:

Plaintiffs no longer wish to prosecute any of the alleged claims against Defendant **WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY** and hereby request that this court dismiss all claims with prejudice to their refiling. Further, each party will bear their own costs.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, **LARRY LUERA** and **LINDA LUERA**, Plaintiffs pray that this Court grant their Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice and to further grant it whatever other relief, both in law and equity, to which they may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HAYS COUNTY, T E X A S

428th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AMENDED MOTION FOR PARTIAL DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

NOW COME **LARRY LUERA** and **LINDA LUERA**, Plaintiffs and file this Amended Motion for Partial Dismissal with Prejudice and in support of respectfully shows as follows:

Plaintiffs no longer wish to prosecute any of the alleged claims against Defendant **WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY** only and hereby request that this court dismiss all claims with prejudice to their refiling. Further, each party will bear their own costs. This Motion does not affect Plaintiffs' claims against Defendant Texas Farmers Insurance Company.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, **LARRY LUERA** and **LINDA LUERA**, Plaintiffs pray that this Court grant their Amended Motion for Partial Dismissal with Prejudice as to Defendant **WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY** only and to further grant it whatever other relief, both in law and equity, to which they may be justly entitled.

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I, BEVERLY CRUMLEY, District Clerk of Hays County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing consisting of 2 pages, is a true, correct and full copy of the instrument herewith set out as it appears of record in the District Clerk's Office of Hays County, Texas this 9th day of September, 2016.
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CITATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. 16-1368

STYLED: LARRY LUERA AND LINDA LUERA VS. WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY
AND TEXAS FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY

TO: TEXAS FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY, UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE HAD BY SERVING
ITS ATTORNEY FOR SERVICE, CHRIS GRANGER, 15700 LONG VISTA DRIVE, AUSTIN, TX 78728.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney
do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next
following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default
judgment may be taken against you."

Attached is a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION, which was filed by the
PLAINTIFF'S, in the above styled and numbered cause on the 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2016, in the 428th
District Court of Hays County, San Marcos, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at San Marcos, Texas on this the 25th day of August,
2016.

REQUESTED BY:
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Mallory Rogers, Deputy

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the ___ day of _____ 20___ at ___ o'clock ___ M and executed the ___ day of
____ 20___ by delivering to defendant _____ in person, a true copy of this
citation with a copy of the petition attached thereto on ___ day of _____ 20___ at ___ o'clock
___ M at _____ in _____ County, Texas.

[] Not executed. The diligence used in finding defendant being _____

[] Information received as to the whereabouts of defendant being _____

Service Fee: \$ _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
___ day of _____,

SHERIFF/CONSTABLE/AUTHORIZED PERSON
BY: _____

Printed Name of Server _____

NOTARY PUBLIC, THE STATE OF TEXAS _____

_____, County, Texas

ORIGINAL FOR RETURN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

428th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF NONSUIT WITH PREJUDICE AS TO
DEFENDANT WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW, **LARRY LUERA and LINDA LUERA**, Plaintiffs in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and pursuant to Rule 162 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, file this Notice of Non-Suit with Prejudice as to their claims and causes of action asserted herein against **WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY** only. All costs of court are to be taxed against the party incurring the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record via facsimile/email/electronic transmission this 14th day of September 2016.

/s/ Kevin R. Michaels

Kevin R. Michaels

I, BEVERLY CRUMLEY, District Clerk of Hays County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing consisting of 2 pages, is a true, correct and full copy of the instrument herewith set out as it appears of record in the District Clerk's Office of Hays County, Texas this 7th day of October, 2016.
Beverly Crumley, District Clerk

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